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## **TAX BILLS ARE IN THE MAIL** ***San Diego County Residents Mailed More Than 870,000 Bills***

Bart Hartman, Treasurer-Tax Collector, announced today that his office has begun mailing property tax bills for the 2001-02 tax year. More than 870,000 bills and statements will be mailed to San Diego County property owners when the process is completed, representing more than \$2.2 billion in revenue. These bills represent the largest single source of revenue to local governments, including schools, cities, fire districts, and the County.

Last year almost 15,000 bills were returned by the Post Office as undeliverable. Hartman reminds taxpayers that, according to state law, failure to receive a tax bill is not sufficient reason to forgive penalties.

"I want to ensure that all property owners receive their bills in a timely manner so they can plan this expense and avoid any costly penalties," said Hartman. "Those who have not received their property tax bills by Nov. 1 should call our office at (619) 236-2424 to obtain a copy."

Taxpayers are also reminded that they can conduct business with the Treasurer-Tax Collector at any of their three branch offices located at 334 Via Vera Cruz, #150, behind "Restaurant Row" in San Marcos, 200 South Magnolia Avenue in El Cajon, and 344 F Street, Suite 200 in Chula Vista.

Additional information may be obtained from the Treasurer-Tax Collector's main office in the County Administration Center at 1600 Pacific Highway in downtown San Diego, the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Web site at [www.sdtreastax.com](http://www.sdtreastax.com) or by calling (619) 236-2424.

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